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FOLLOWING IS TRANSCRIPT OF FOREIGN MINISTER' S COMMENTS ON INDO-
US RELATIONS WHILE WINDING UP PARLIAMENTARY FOREIGN AFFAIRS DEBATE
APRIL 24:

..." MENTION WAS MADE OF OUR RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES.
NOW, THIS IS A SUBJECT ON WHICH ONE CAN SAY A GREAT DEAL AND SOME
HONORABLE MEMBERS HAVE SPOKEN WITH A GREAT DEAL OF FEELING AND
EMOTION ON THIS SUBJECT. WE OURSELVES IN THE HOUSE DISCUSSED
THIS QUESTION SOME TIME BACK PARTICULARLY IN RELATION TO THE
DECISION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO
SUPPLY ARMS TO PAKISTAN. WE EXPRESSED IN NO UNCERTAIN TERMS
OUR TOTAL OPPOSITION TO THAT POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES. OUR
RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES WHICH HAD BEEN AT A VERY LOW
EBB DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS SHOWED SIGNS OF IMPROVEMENT TO-
WARDS THE END OF LAST YEAR. THERE WERE EXPRESSIONS OF DESIRE
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FROM BOTH SIDES TO NORMALIZE AND STRENGTHEN THESE RELATIONS.
ON NOVEMBER 30, 1972, I STATED THAT WE WERE PREPARED TO DEVELOP
OUR RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES ON THE BASIS OF EQUALITY,
RECIPROCITY, MUTUAL INTEREST AND IN THE LIGHT OF THE NEW REALITIES
OBTAINING IN THE SUBCONTINENT. THERE HAD BEEN SIMILAR EXPRESSIONS
OF A DESIRE FOR A BETTER RELATION ON THE PART OF THE UNITED STATES
GOVERNMENT. IT HAS BEEN THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY TO DEVELOP
FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH ALL COUNTRIES INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA.

" A PRINCIPAL OBSTACLE IN THE INDO- US RELATIONS HAS BEEN THE
AMERICAN SUPPLY OF ARMS TO PAKISTAN. THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HAD HOPED THAT THIS POLICY WOULD COME TO AN END AND THUS PAVE
THE WAY FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DURABLE PEACE IN THE
SUBCONTINENT.

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APPOINTMENT AND CONCERN. THIS CONCERN HAS BEEN WIDELY SHARED BY
PARLIA-

MENT AND PUBLIC OPINION. WE HAVE CONVEYED OUR STRONG FEELINGS TO
THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND IT IS OUR CONVICTION THAT THE
SUPPLY OF ARMS BY THE UNITED STATES TO PAKISTAN
WILL SERIOUSLY IMPEDE THE NORMALIZATION OF INDO- PAK RELATIONS AND
JEOPARDISE THE PROSPECTS OF A DURABLE PEACE IN THE INDIAN SUB-
CONTINENT. IT MAY ALSO POSE A SERIOUS THREAT TO INDIA'S SECURITY.

" DURING THE RECENT VISITS OF MR. KENNETH RUSH AND MR. JOSEPH
SISCO I AGAIN TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY OF POINTING OUT TO THEM THE
CONSEQUENCES OF THE SUPPLY OF US ARMS TO PAKISTAN. I DO HOPE
THAT THE US GOVERNMENT WILL TAKE NOTE OF OUR SERIOUS CONCERN AND
HELP IN THE PROCESS OF A DETENTE AND RECONCILIATION AND PEACEFUL
COOPERATION IN THE SUBCONTINENT."

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